



Extension Brown County

Happenings

March 2020

Save the Dates

2020 Northeastern Wisconsin Master Gardeners

21st Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 9, 9am—3pm

Stem Center at UWGB Campus

2019 Technology Way, Green Bay

AND

Friday, May 29, 12-7, Saturday, May 30, 8 am—3 pm

As part of Green Bay Botanical Garden's Garden Fair

2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay

www.GBBG.org/GardenFair

Great Plants, Great Prices



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CoCoRaHS March Madness 2020



How heavy was the rainfall overnight? How much snow fell during the latest snowstorm? How bad is the drought this year? Join over 500 fellow volunteers across Wisconsin who report precipitation online to ensure measurements of snow, rain and hail is available for your area.

[The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network or CoCoRaHS](#) is recruiting volunteer weather observers to help the National Weather Service and others determine the impact and severity of each storm.

Everyone can participate – young, old, and in-between. The only requirements are an enthusiasm for watching and reporting weather conditions and a desire to learn more about how weather can impact our lives.

Sign Up

All you need to do is sign-up, attend an online training, and then you are ready to start measuring weather in your own backyard. Volunteers can measure:

snow using a yardstick or homemade snowboard

rainfall and the water content of snow using a 4" diameter rain gauge

hail using a ruler or homemade hail pad

ice accretion using a ruler

You'll be amazed at what you learn as you become more aware of the variable weather that impacts you, your neighbors, your state and our entire country. Plus, you'll help ground truth weather events, providing valuable information for improving weather forecasting models. The data you provide will help shape forecasts of river stages and flood levels on local rivers and can help inform National Weather Service thunderstorm or flash flood warnings just to name a few examples.

Sunday, March 1, 2020 marked the beginning of CoCoRaHS March Madness campaign. The campaign is a nationwide competition between states to see who can recruit the most volunteer weather observers. Last year, Wisconsin ranked sixth out of all 50 states and this year we are aiming to increase our ranking and beat our neighbors in the Gopher State!

Join your fellow Wisconsinites who report rainfall, snow fall and weather facts. [Register today](#) and help us beat Minnesota in this year's CoCoRaHS March Madness.





2020 Horticulture Classes



Presented in partnership through the UW-Madison Division of Extension Brown County, NEW Master Gardeners Association, and Green Bay Botanical Garden

Vegetable Gardening for Beginners -Thursday, April 9 from 6-7:30 PM at the Green Bay Botanical Garden: Lynn Clark, Master Gardener Volunteer, will cover the basics of vegetable gardening including planning your garden, prepping your garden soil, selecting vegetables and growing requirements. Cost is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information (name, email, phone#) and payment to: NEW Master Gardeners, Extension Brown County, 2019 Technology Way, Room 113, Green Bay, WI 54311.

Composting 101—Tuesday, May 12 from 6-8 PM at the Green Bay Botanical Garden: Shirley Triest-Robertson, Master Gardener Volunteer, will discuss how to effectively manage yard trimmings, food wastes and other organic material generated at home. Then, you will venture to the Botanical Garden's compost demonstration area to view types of composting in action. Cost is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for pre-registration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information (name, email, phone #) and payment to NEW Master Gardeners, Extension Brown County, 2019 Technology Way, Room 113, Green Bay, WI 54311.

Small Space Gardening—Tuesday, May 19 from 6-7:30 PM at the Green Bay Botanical Garden: Presented by Lynn Clark, Master Gardener Volunteer. Cost is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for pre-registration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information (name, email, phone #) and payment to NEW Master Gardeners, Extension Brown County, 2019 Technology Way, Room 113, Green Bay, WI 54311.

[TO REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES, PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

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Community Garden Open Plot Registration

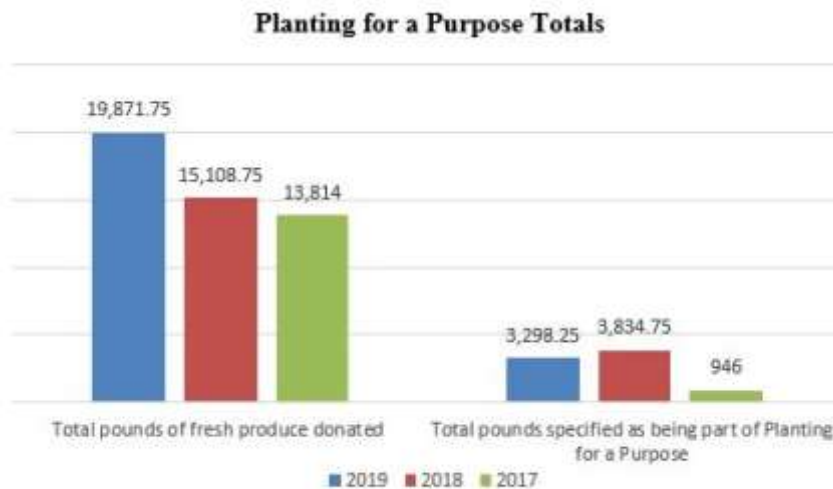
This summer, rent a community garden plot for your whole family to enjoy from the Brown County Community Gardens Program. For a small fee (\$10-\$45 annually), you can rent a garden space for the entire summer, where you can plant, grow, and harvest whatever you want. Cut your grocery bill, get more fresh fruits and vegetables, and have fun as a family! Organizations and groups are also welcome to rent space.

Signup is Saturday, March 28 (snow date 4/18), from 11:00am-12:15pm at 210 Museum Pl (the Neville Public Museum), and is first-come, first-served. Please bring proof of military service if you wish to register for the veterans' garden. Cash or check only, please. Find out more about the program and its garden locations at browncountycommunitygardens.org.



Fresh Produce Donations Increase in 2019

Since 2017, the Community Gardens Program has partnered with the Green Bay Packers on Planting for a Purpose, a program to encourage gardeners to donate their extra fresh produce to local food pantries. All 2019 produce donation numbers are now reported and tallied. Despite the challenging growing season, pantries and donors combined reported 19,871.75 pounds of fresh produce donated in 2019. That's up nearly 5,000 pounds from 2018! Of those, 3,298.25 were specifically identified as being through Planting for a Purpose. Thank you to all the generous growers who donated, allowing food pantries to better provide the fresh fruits and vegetables everyone needs for a healthy life.



FoodWise Impact with Culturally Specific Service Providers

We All Rise is an African American Resource Center in Green Bay who serves elementary, middle, and high school individuals with culturally specific youth programming. Their vision is to create and help restore a vibrant African American community through uplifting, skill building, and intentionally targeting root causes of systemic oppression.

FoodWise reached out to We All Rise this quarter and provided a nutrition series for middle school youth focusing on cooking skills and making healthy choices. The program was delivered at Washington Middle School. FoodWise uses a combination of evidence-based educational strategies, accompanied by environmental supports, designed to facilitate voluntary adoption of healthy food choices and active lifestyles. An average 12 participants attended each session. During this program, hands-on activities were implemented and a cooking demo finished out each session.

The key messages of the program included recognizing sources of unhealthy fat and limiting their quantity, maintaining healthy weight for good health, and saying “whoa” to high sugar/fat foods and “go” to healthier food. After the series, we engaged the participants in a conversation about what they had learned. Several of the youth explained ways they had learned to eat more healthy and stated that “this program helped me be more informed to eat better,” and “we need to eat healthy or it will catch up with us.”

Staff of We All Rise observed students discussing how they made healthy beverages at home with fruit and vegetable infused water drinks. One student explained that it was empowering to cook a meal without parent supervision and that she now does a lot more food preparation at home.

Agency staff also explained the following: “I notice myself thinking a ton about alternative food choices. Because of the FoodWise connection, we have begun talking with other area service providers about potential partnerships with healthier food choices/venues. Instead of soda with meals, we have brought in more cases of water.”



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